

Temperance Column.

By the Ocala Temperance Reform Club.

Edited by J. A. Menden.

The Club meets every Sunday afternoon at four o'clock in Temperance Hall. The Public are invited.

HOW TAMMANY WAS CONDUCTED.

The Boston Christian Register gives Mr. Roosevelt's version of how the Tammany money was made and how the elections were influenced.

In a greater or less degree this game is played in many cities. Mr. Roosevelt says:

"Only recently I came across a curious case, in which this lesson was taught.

"A new patrolman from the bountry was put upon a given beat for the first time. He knew that, under the law, all saloons had to close at 1 o'clock.

"A big corner saloon kept by a noted Tammany politician remain open after the hours, as a matter of course. The smaller saloons in the neighborhood had closed.

"The policeman put his head in the door and directed the proprietor to close.

"The proprietor regarded this as a joke.

"It was something so novel in his experience he could not understand that it had a serious side.

"After making his rounds once again, the policeman, finding the place still lighted, walked in and told them to shut forthwith.

"They regarded it first with amazement, then with anger, and finally told him that he had better mind his own business and leave. Thereupon he replied that he would instantly arrest the saloon keeper and his assistants if they did not close.

"Accordingly, close they did, but sent word immediately to the police station.

"At the station the news created more consternation. In fifteen minutes an officer had been sent around to the too zealous policeman, who was taken off that beat and put on another where there were no saloons. In five minutes after, the saloon was again blazing with light and in full blast.

"Three or four complaints were soon after lodged against the countryman for trivial faults, and in a very few weeks he had learned the lesson of being blind unless his superiors chose to order his eyes open.

"Another case which came within my personal knowledge may also be interesting.

"A certain officer arrested the lookout man of a sa'oon whose owner was an influential politician. The lookout man's friends came to his assistance, assaulted the officer, and injured him severely. Instead of commending him for his actions the board actually fined him severely on a trumped-up charge of assault, and the saloon was not again molested."

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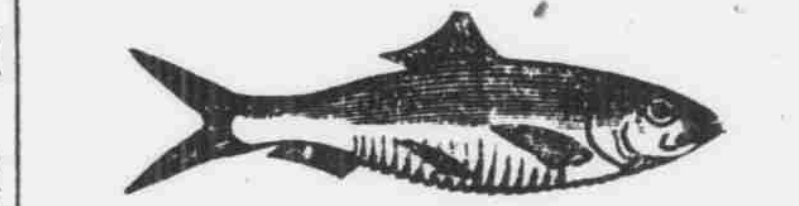
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